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11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 10: Gov. Ritter delivers his second annual State of the State Address, Colorado State Capitol, House Chambers.

1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 11: Gov. Ritter speaks at the first meeting of the Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice, National Enforcement Training Institute, 12345 W. Alameda Pkwy., Lakewood.

10:45 a.m. Monday, Jan. 14: Gov. Ritter helps dedicate a new solar power plant at the Fort Carson Army Post.

Noon Tuesday, Jan. 15: Gov. Ritter leads the annual National Western Stock Show Parade, 17th and Wazee.

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Over the past year, we have [accomplished much](#) by working together. Our rural economies are stronger, our environment is better protected and our energy future is more secure because we launched Colorado's New Energy Economy. We're creating new jobs and new opportunities by building wind farms in wheat fields, and we're getting international recognition because of it.

We took critical steps toward protecting Coloradans against mortgage fraud and foreclosure -- progress that is now considered a national model for other states to follow.

We began addressing the high rate at which criminals are returning to prison. By building broad coalitions and striving for common ground, we forged ahead on reforming our health-care system, revitalizing our education system, and providing additional investments to our higher-education and transportation systems.

We began bringing greater balance and responsibility to the development of Colorado's abundant energy resources, and we began changing the fundamental way state government does business by finding efficiencies, eliminating waste and modernizing services.

Tomorrow, I deliver my annual State of the State Speech. I will be recapping those 2007 successes and outlining my hopes and expectations for 2008. We will forge ahead with reforming our education and health-care systems, creating new jobs, building a more vibrant economic climate, and making key investments in higher education and transportation.

The start of a new year is a little like fly fishing -- it's about hope and possibilities. Every time you cast a line, drop a fly onto the water or move to a new spot, there's a new opportunity for a promising return.

That's how we should all approach the start of this new year -- with a sense of hope, of promise, of the immense possibilities. My hope for 2008 is that, together, we strengthen what is special about Colorado and build on our accomplishments of 2007.

Once again, thank you for subscribing to this eNewsletter, and thank you for your continued support and involvement. Together, we will continue fulfilling the Colorado Promise.

Bill Ritter, Jr.
Governor